GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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RE-ORGANISATION OF AGRICULTURE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to re-organise the agriculture sector by including exports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the re-organisation is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): As may be seen from the table given below, the share of agricultural exports in the Gross Domestic Product from agriculture sector at current prices, has not seen any perceptible change during the last decade. To stimulate the growth of export of agricultural products, new initiatives have been announced in the Foreign Trade Policy 2004-09.

Year	GDP AGRICULTURE AT CURRENT PRICES (Rs.in Crores)	AGRICULTURE EXPORTS (Rs. in Crores)	PERCENTAGE OF EXPORTS TO AGRICULTURE GDP
1993-94	221834	12586.55	5.67
1994-95	255193	13222.76	5.18
1995-96	277846	20397.74	7.34
1996-97	334030	24161.29	7.21
1997-98	353490	24832.45	7.02
1998-99	406498	25510.64	6.27
1999-2000	422392	25313.66	5.99
2000-01	423522	28657.37	6.76
2001-02	473004	29728.61	6.28
2002-03	456044	34653.94	7.59

Source:- Central Statistical Organisation, New Delhi; Agricultural Statistics at a glance 2004

No changes in the existing arrangements of Agricultural exports etc. are, however, contemplated.